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In re the Application of

Masaaki USUI

Group Art Unit: 3624

Application No.: 09/679,294

Examiner: S. Karmis

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Docket No.: 107531

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR UNIFIED MANAGEMENT OF PLURALITY OF ASSETS  
USING COMPUTER NETWORK

**SMALL ENTITY PETITION FOR 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> EXTENSION  
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND  
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